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REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment of May 6, 2005, petitioner hereby requests under 37 CFR 1.181 that the director withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application. Such petition is supported by the enclosed (1) copy of Certificate of Transmission via facsimile, (2) copy of Petition for Extension of Time for three months, in triplicate, (3) copy of Reply to Office Action dated September 24, 2004, with Amendments Under 37 CFR §1.111 (5 pages), and (4) copy of date stamped receipt of the facsimile transmission.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the director withdraw the holding of abandonment. Such favorable action at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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